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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

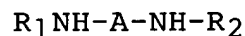
Please amend the attached new patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

ref. ---3. (Amended) A process according to Claim 1 wherein the
carboxy activating agent is selected from carbonyldiimidazole,
cabonyltriazole, chloromethylpyridylum iodide (CMP-J), hydroxy-
benzotriazole, p-nitrophenol, p-nitorphenyltrifluoroacetate, and
N-hydroxysuccinimide.---

ref. ---4. (Amended) A process according to Claim 2 wherein the
polyamines have the following general formula:



wherein R_1 and R_2 , which are the same or different, are hydrogen,
 C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl or benzyl groups, A is a C_2-C_{10} alkylene
chain, preferably a C_2-C_6 alkylene chain, optionally substituted